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Title: Chronicles: Virtues of our Villans

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In Ultima V, Lord  
Blackthorn, the tyrant  
who ruled in absence of  
Lord British, codified  
the "8 Virtues" into a  
set of draconian laws.  
Lets look at how virtue  
has been Misused.

Virtue Law:

\* Honesty - Thou shalt  
not lie, or thou shalt  
lose thy tongue.

\* Compassion - Thou  
shalt help those in need,  
or thou shalt suffer the  
same need.

\* Valor - Thou shalt  
fight to the death if  
challenged, or thou shalt  
be banished as a coward.

\* Justice - Thou shalt  
confess thy crime and  
pay its pennance, or thou  
shalt be put to death.

\* Sacrifice - Thou shalt  
donate half of thy income  
to charity, or thou shalt  
have no income.

\* - Honor If thou dost  
lose thine own honour,  
thou shalt take thine own  
life.

\* Spirituality - Thou  
shalt enforce the laws of  
virtue, or thou shalt die  
as a heretic.

\* Humility - Thou shalt  
humble thyself to thy  
superiors, or thou shalt  
suffer their wrath.

Blackthorn's Code has  
shown that you can use  
manipulation of laws, and  
lawmen to alter how good  
things people believe in  
can be twisted to the  
most evil concepts.

This can happen when morals are instituted into law because when a law is written, future generations may alter the context of its usage and implementation.

In Ultima V, each of the three Shadowlords opposed one of the three virtue Principles.

\* Nosfentor was Cowardice, Vice of Courage.

\* Astaroth was Hatred, Vice of Love.

\* Faulinei was Falsehood, Vice of Truth.

In the realm of The Underworld, their twisted set of virtue principles was used to taint the virtues with a different kind of corruption, by corrupting the faith people use to communicate to the belief. This would not stand as The Avatar kills The Shadowlords. It would take much more work though to cleanse the virtues and for people to re-learn the basic ideas underlying the principle of virtue itself.

The Virtues of Mandrake:

In Ultima VI, Mandrake was a bard who had a more laid back sense of virtue. He did not bend it to wicked means but it's still funny.

Virtue Principles:

\* Wine

\* Women

\* Song

Eight of the virtues are derived from these three principles:

Drunkenness - Wine

Sensuality - Women

Harmony - Song  
Lust - Wine, Women  
Laziness - Wine, Song  
Dance - Women, Song  
Indulgence - All Three.  
Happiness - None of it.  
Ok, so this comedic  
character isn't quite a  
villain, but is it villainous  
against what virtue  
stands for to bend it  
for means of Vanity.?

But villains can believe in  
honor among thieves, as  
the code of Batlin,  
Abraham and Elizabeth  
better known as "The  
Fellowship". This code is  
called the Triad of Inner  
Strength.

1. Strive For Unity.
2. Trust Thy Brother.
3. Worthiness Precedes  
Reward.

Though villains indeed, The  
Fellowship followed a  
strict code that many  
good aligned faiths could  
only dream of. This is  
because in the hearts of  
evil, still lies enough brain  
to know a need for a  
"law of loyalty" among  
brothers. No despotism  
is complete without it!  
Now, we drop fame as  
sacrifice, do only menial  
escorts of compassion and  
honor only to kill or  
benefit self. Justice is  
blind, rewarding many  
criminals as well. We  
wonder why UO has no  
true Spirituality, Humility,  
or Honesty. How can  
we? We bend virtues to  
gain items, which is  
Falsehood. At all times  
we look for that next  
kill. Does that make us  
the evil savages?